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III. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION.

(1) Form of Organization - Changes and Developments.

Home Demonstration Agent work in Yuma County is carried on very largely by group work. In addition to that, there are home calls, telephone calls and conferences at the office. A mailing list has been compiled which consists of the names of the ladies in the county who attend the meetings, and who request help from the Home Demonstration Agent.

Most of the 4-H Club meetings are held at the school houses, because the children live so far apart. This enables the Home Demonstration Agent to become better acquainted with the teachers and has been helpful in furthering the work pertaining to school lunches. This year all of the 4-H Clubs have been Garment Making Clubs.

Adult.

The groups which have been organized and which have functioned successfully during the past few years are, -

Southern part of county, -

Crane, Somerton, Gadsden, combined North and South Gila group, and combined Roll, Wellton, Tacna group which takes turns in meeting at the three places.

North^{ern} part of the county, -

Quartzite, Bouse, Salome, Vicksburg and Parker.

Because of the great distances involved, there have not been nearly as many meetings held in the northern part of the county as in the southern part. This year, due to an injury, the Home Demonstration Agent was unable to make the long trips to the northern part of the county in order to carry on the meetings she had planned.

All of the groups are regularly organized extension groups. The Roll-Wellton group has enrolled as a "Home Makers Club" and some of the others are studying the set up but have not made a final decision as yet.

Since Miss Blake, the State Clothing Specialist, can meet with only three women's groups during the year, there is a certain amount of consolidation for her meetings. This year the ladies of Crane and Somerton attended the Gadsden meetings.

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The Home Demonstration Agent has received splendid cooperation from other county officials whose work may be interrelated with the various phases of extension work. Matters relating to the organization of 4-H Clubs and of School Lunch projects are discussed with the County School Superintendent, who has been most helpful in furthering the work along both lines. Some of the above work and many phases of nutrition and health work are discussed with the county School Nurse and the County Doctor, resulting in splendid cooperation on the part of all concerned, and the avoidance of any overlapping, either real or fancied.

Both town newspapers are very helpful, being always ready and willing to include articles pertaining to the extension work. They publish a weekly program of activities and announce special meetings and visits of State Specialists to the county.

A constant effort is being made to keep the files as up to date as possible by sending for all types of bulletins and material pertinent to the work of the home and family. Also, for as many bulletins for free distribution as possible. The educational departments of the various food companies are very generous in this respect. The recipe file started early in 1931 has grown considerably and is very useful to the women of the county, who are encouraged to write, telephone or call in person at the office for information.

IV. PROGRAM OF WORK: LISTING GOALS SET UP, METHODS EMPLOYED, AND RESULTS ACHIEVED.

(1) Factors considered and methods used in determining program of work.

The program of work has been evolved from a study of previous records, from conferences with leading women, from constant queries put to the women in attendance at meetings and from perpetual study of local conditions.

Methods.

The Home Demonstration Agent has followed her original plan of having a series of related demonstrations along one particular line, rather than having so many isolated demonstrations. She has also continued to follow her method of placing great emphasis on one particular project at a time, and on one particular phase of that project before going on to another. Having completed intensive work along one line, she has gradually shifted emphasis to another major interest.

For example, during the worst of the depression, intensive work in nutrition was imperative and also practical work in clothing construction. With the lifting of the depression somewhat, the women are taking more interest in home improvement. So for the past two years, more work has been carried along the line of home improvement and home furnishings. However, all phases of home making work are being carried on continuously in varying amounts, and always will.

(2) Project Activities and Results.

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(q) Foods and Nutrition.

Adult.

(a) Organization and History.

A few isolated demonstrations in food preparation seem to have been given in almost every year's work since 1915. However the main nutrition work seemed to consist of the weighing and measuring of the children in the "Keep Growing" project.

With the arrival of the present Home Demonstration Agent January 30, 1931, Food and Nutrition was chosen as the major project. The first year's work was devoted to the ground-work in nutrition, food sources and functions, etc; the second years work to feeding of children, family menus and lowering of food costs; and the third years work ending Nov. 1, 1933, to special problems requested by the ladies belonging to all the groups. The demonstrations including Puddings, Candy making, Economy in buying food, preparation of Broccoli, Sauces, Liver, Fish, Meat extenders, Sandwiches, and economical menus. During the year ending Oct. 1, 1934, the Home Demonstration Agent gave a demonstration on "Gaining and Reducing", and one on "Quickly Made Candies" to each organized group in the southern part of the county. These same groups were given a demonstration on "Tests in Jelly Making" by Miss Frances Brown, State Home Demonstration Agent, and one on "Making Ice Cream" by Mr. Clyde Rowe, State Extension Specialist in Poultry and Dairying. Each group in the northern part of the county was given a demonstration on "Meat Canning" by Miss Brown, and one on "Proper Feeding of Children" by the Home Demonstration Agent.

Throughout these four years, individual assistance has been given in the methods of feeding babies and small children, diets for pathologic conditions, canning and school lunch work.

(b) Organization of project.

Since January 20, 1931 this project has been carried by all the organized women's extension groups, with regular officers, times and places of meeting.

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(c) Progress during the year.

Since so much work has been done in Foods and Nutrition during the past four years, the Home Demonstration Agent gave no formal demonstrations but did just as much individual work as ever. The only formal demonstrations in this field were the ones on "Cheese Making" given by Mr. Clyde Rowe, State Extension Specialist in Poultry and Dairying.

The meetings were as follows:

Roll-Wellton -

2 meetings with a total attendance of 22.

Topics -

"Making of Soft Cheese and Variations",
"Making of American Cheese and Butter".

Gadsden -

2 meetings with a total attendance of 42.

Topics -

"Soft Cheese" and "American Cheese and Butter".

Crane -

2 meetings with a total attendance of 27.

Topics -

"Soft Cheese" and "American Cheese and Butter".

Somerton -

1 meeting with an attendance of 17.

Topics -

"Soft Cheese".

South Gila -

1 meeting, attendance 10.

Topic -

"Soft Cheese".

Somerton and South Gila were also supposed to have the demonstration on "American Cheese" but these meetings had to be cancelled because of severe rains. In fact, the bad weather lowered the attendance at all these meetings.

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Totals

<u>Place</u>	<u>No. of meetings</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>	<u>Number Completing</u>
Roll-Wellton	2	22	12	10
Gadsden	2	42	22	20
Crane	2	27	14	11
Somerton	1	17	17	17
N. & S. Gila	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	8	118	75	68

The Home Demonstration Agent gave a talk on Nutrition to twenty Camp Fire girls of Gadsden, making a grand total of 9 meetings with an attendance of 138.

In addition to the above meetings, there were 100 home visits, 72 office calls, and 64 telephone calls in connection with the Food and Nutrition project. All of these could be roughly divided as follows: one-third for canning information and special recipes, one-third for the feeding of children, mostly for small babies and pre-school children, and one-third for information on nutrition and help in special dietary problems as stomach ulcer, kidney infection, rheumatism, anemia, etc.

(d) Results.

While Food and Nutrition is no longer carried as the major project, there is a sustained interest in this field and the Home Demonstration Agent continues to receive more requests for help in nutrition than in any other project. Women and sometimes men come for help in diets for pathologic conditions as kidney infections, etc. While the Home Demonstration Agent does not handle any pathologic cases except in cooperation with the patient's physician, she is able to give many practical suggestions in the preparation of limited diets, with recipes and directions for making these rather monotonous diets more interesting.

The Home Demonstration Agent has checked on the progress of the various babies who have been helped by proper diet through the past few years, and finds that they are growing into fine, healthy, well-nourished children in spite of poor beginnings, all through having been put on the right diet at a critical time.

Mrs. E. C. Cuming of Gadsden, has done a splendid piece of work in nutrition, through the care and feeding of three small children, a grandson, granddaughter, and little orphan girl, aged 4, 6, and 10 years, respectively. Mrs. Cuming put them on a good

diet, taught one child to drink milk and all of them to eat vegetables. At the end of an 8 month period, the two smaller children have made an astonishing gain in weight and height, as well as acquiring good food habits. The little grandson who had been sickly for a long time has entirely recovered his health and is now an active robust child.

The ladies were very much pleased with Mr. Rowe's demonstrations, especially the one on "Making Cottage Cheese and Variations". All the ladies who attended say that they have made cottage cheese that way ever since. Some of the reports are as follows:

Mrs. Henry Frauenfelder of Gadsden says - "I was very much interested in the cheese making and have used the instructions in making good cottage cheese for my family use. It gave me ideas of how to vary from the plain cottage cheese to other kinds by mixing with the desired flavored cheeses you can buy on the market.

"The butter demonstration was interesting to me. It showed me some important points in butter making in order to secure the best flavored butter."

Mrs. E. C. Cuming, Gadsden, says that she "makes cottage cheese frequently according to directions learned at the demonstration".

Mrs. Wiley Fitzgerald, Somerton, says - "I was particularly helped by the cream cheese and butter making demonstrations."

Mrs. Pete Segulja, Gadsden, has "made cottage cheese often" and used it for cottage cheese pies and sandwiches. She has also made the American cheese which she has used for sandwiches and in macaroni dishes.

Mrs. Ellen Ahnfeldt, Gadsden, says - "I got very useful and helpful information in the demonstration on making cottage cheese and butter".

Mrs. R. H. McElhaney, Wellton, says - "I make cottage cheese according to Mr. Rowe's directions, and expect to try the American Cheese when it gets cool. I also follow Mr. Rowe as near as I can for butter making."

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Mrs. Della Harrison, North Gila, says - "I use the method of making cottage and cream cheese as demonstrated and like it fine."

Mrs. Clara Townsend, North Gila - makes this type of cottage cheese regularly, has given samples to her friends in Yuma and could build up a good business selling it if she had time to do it.

At this date it is impossible to get anything like a complete report on the amount of canning being done, but a few individual reports are given to show the average type and amount of canning being done by most of the farm women in the county.

Mrs. O. M. Clark - Gadsden.

118 quarts consisting of tomatoes, peaches, figs, grapes, pickles, peach butter, fig jam, tomato relish, and 12 glasses grape jelly.

Mrs. E. C. Cuming - Gadsden.

146 quarts, consisting of figs, peaches, apricots, plums, rhubarb, plum jelly, and orange marmalade.

Mrs. Pete Segula, Gadsden.

95 quarts, consisting of figs, pickles, and tomato chili sauce.

Mrs. Dixie Bann, Gadsden.

24 quarts, apricots and carrots.

Mrs. Henry Frauenfelder, Gadsden.

37 quarts, orange marmalade, plum, and tomato preserve.

Mrs. Harry Humphrey, Somerton.

136 quarts meat, 23 lbs. lard, 23 quarts pickles, 28 quarts vegetables, 38 quarts fruits, and 68 quarts jam and jellies.

Mrs. Wes Long - Crane.

312 quarts, meat, vegetables, fruit, jam.

Mrs. Dallas Hovatter - South Gila.

40 quarts, pickles, jellies, jam.

Mrs. Clara Townsend - North Gila.

300 quarts meat, vegetables, fruit, jam.

Mrs. B. Ferguson - North Gila.
180 quarts vegetables, fruits, jam.

Mrs. Harrison.
140 quarts meat, vegetables, fruit, jam.

Mrs. R. Brooks - Tacna .
A large amount of meat, but does not have exact figures.

Mrs. Ike Proebstel - Wellton.
30 quarts fruit and jams.

(e) Outlook for the Next Year.

The ladies are still looking forward to having Mr. Rowe's demonstration on the boning of a chicken, which was planned for this year, but postponed until next.

(r) Child Training and Care.

(a) Organization and History

No Child Care work was mentioned in any of the reports up to 1926-27. In 1926-27-28-29, a few meetings were held with the mothers, with the aid of the Sheppard-Towner Nurse. The work consisted of a baby clinic, and talks on health and diet habits and training. In 1930-31 the Home Demonstration Agent gave a course in Child Training, which included a study of the mental, emotional and physical growth of the child and the training needed for the best development, to the Roll-Wellton and Gadsden groups. In 1931-32 the work consisted entirely of instruction and feeding children of all ages and training for good food habits. This course was given to all the organized groups. In 1932-33 the Roll-Wellton group was the only one taking a course in the work, this course including, Toys for all Ages, Social Adjustment of the Adolescent, ways of training for obedience and rewards and punishments. In 1933-34, the demonstration on "Suitable Toys and Presents for children of all ages" was given to the Roll-Wellton, North and South Gila, and Gadsden groups. Considerable individual help was given with the problems of children of all ages. Sub-deb booklets and other pamphlets were lent to the mothers, boys and girls throughout the county.

(b) Organization of project.

The work has been carried by certain organized groups and also by individual conferences with the mothers.

(c) Progress during the year.

<u>Meetings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>
Gadsden	1	15
N. & S. Gila	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
	2	25

Both meetings were devoted to a demonstration on the "Solution of Problems of the Adolescent". The Home Demonstration Agent explained the processes of physical development and growth which are responsible for the emotional reactions of this trying period. The Agent showed her set of Sub-deb booklets and other pamphlets which are helpful in solving the problems of boys and girls of this age. Many of the mothers have bought these booklets and the Agent's set has been loaned to mothers throughout the county.

The Agent's patterns for toys for children have been lent to many mothers throughout the county. The ladies of the County have also made good use of the Agent's lists of books and other suggestions for suitable Christmas presents for all ages.

There have been 10 home visits, 12 office calls and 8 telephone calls in connection with the project. Help has been given for miscellaneous problems of children of all ages.

(d) Results.

A good many of the ladies followed the instructions given in securing suitable toys and presents for their families. Many of the mothers have spoken of greater ease in solving the problems of the adolescent, as a result of the work given them. A number have sent for the "sub-deb" booklets for their boys and girls, and noticed an improvement in manners and attitudes as the results of reading them.

The Home Demonstration Agent feels that the most important result of the "Child Care" work given during the past few years is the way in which the mothers come to the Home Demonstration Agent for help in solving problems with their children of all ages. And while general information has its value, a good part of the work in Child Care depends upon the successful solution of the individual problems of individual children.

(e) Outlook for the next year.

It might be possible to have some subdivisions in some of the clubs next year for special study in Child Care for certain ages. There are a number of new babies in both the Roll-Wellton and Gadsden districts, with some young mothers who are very much interested in the work. There are also a number of new members in the Clubs who did not receive the work in Child Care given several years ago.

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(s) Clothing.

Adult.

(a) Organization and History.

Some work in clothing seems to have been carried every year since the beginning of the extension work in the county. In the early years, dress forms were made and some time spent in the making and trimming of hats. Later ~~came~~ problems in clothing construction, short cuts and becomingness in dress. In 1931-32 Miss Zella Blake, State Clothing Specialist, gave demonstrations to all the organized groups in the southern part of the county. In 1932-33 she gave the same demonstrations to the extension groups in the northern part of the county. These demonstrations included, Short Cuts, Tailored Finishes, Color, Line and Design, Use of Commercial Patterns, and Artistic Uses of Tow Sacks. There was also a pattern school and Remodeling Clinic each year. The work for 1933-34 included a "Pattern School" consisting of six meetings at Salome, and a "Remodeling Clinic" consisting of 4 meetings at Somerton, given by Miss Zella Blake, State Clothing Specialist, and a demonstration on "Quick Patches" given by Miss Frances Brown, State Home Demonstration Agent, to the Roll-Wellton, Gadsden, and North and South Gila groups.

(b) Organization of Project.

The work has been carried entirely by organized extension groups with regular times and places of meeting.

(c) Program during the year.

Meetings held -

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of Meetings</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Number enrolled</u>	<u>Number Completing</u>
Roll-Wellton	6	74	12-1/3	15	12
Gadsden	6	133	22-1/6	32	22
N. & S. Gila	<u>10</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>8-3/4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Totals	22	293		59	42

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Miss Zella Blake, State Clothing Specialist, gave demonstrations at all of the above 22 meetings. Four of the meetings at North Gila were given over to a "Remodeling Clinic" at which time assistance was given in making over some old coats and dresses, and also some instructions in the dyeing of clothes. The other 18 meetings, consisting of 6 demonstrations at each place were devoted to Miss Blake's unit on "Children's Clothing". The following demonstrations were given, - Smocking of all kinds; Fancy Stitches, including Fagoting, Shell Stitch, and Hemstitching without pulling the thread; The cutting of little girl's dresses from one simple pattern, and the Psychology, Economy and Hygiene of dressing children.

In addition to the above meetings, 5 home visits, 5 office calls and 4 telephone calls were devoted to this project.

(d) Results.

At the present writing, the Home Demonstration Agent does not have the figures for most of the work which the ladies have been doing, but our farm women do a great deal of sewing for themselves and their families. In going around the county the Home Demonstration Agent finds that the women have made splendid use of every one of Miss Blake's demonstrations from the very beginning. Most of them are still using the patterns made in pattern school several years ago, and some have made similar patterns for their daughters. The following reports are typical of the type of work which is being done throughout the county.

Mrs. E. C. Cuming of Gadsden has made, - 12 dresses, 5 blouses, 1 skirt, 6 slips, 6 pairs panties for children, 4 children's playsuits, 5 pairs pajamas, 2 baby kimono's, 2 collar and cuff sets, 2 quilts, 3 bedspreads of Osnaburg, 4 sheets, 15 pillow cases; remodeled 12 dresses, 1 suit, 1 skirt, 2 blouses, and did the patching and darning for a family of seven. Using the demonstrations on fancy stitches, she smocked one child's dress, used fagoting on 2 collar and cuff sets, and plans to use yarn embroidering (with darner) on 3 bed spreads.

Mrs. Dixie Barn of Gadsden has made, - 18 girls' dresses, 4 with smocking, 6 with fagoting, the rest trimmed in tape and with bound button holes; 4 boys' sun suits, 4 girls' sun suits, 6 boys' shirts and 12 pairs of girls' panties.

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Mrs. Ellen Ahnfeldt, Gadsden, - has made 2 ladies wash dresses, 1 ladies silk dress, 1 silk slip, and 6 sets of underwear. She has also smocked a child's dress and says she "learned considerable in the demonstration on fancy stitches".

Another lady from Gadsden - (name not signed) reports 8 house dresses, 6 infant's dresses and 8 gertrudes.

Mrs. Henry Frauenfelder of Gadsden, says, - "All the demonstrations along the lines of sewing were very interesting. I learned how to smock and got ideas for cutting and altering dress patterns, also the right use of color combinations.

Mrs. R. H. McElhaney of Roll says, - "I have used fagoting to make over a dress and have used the pattern demonstration for making raglan sleeves. I have done all the sewing for myself and three girls as well as all the patching for eight of us".

Mrs. Wayne Wright of Roll has made a smocked dress and used the fagoting. She and several other ladies in that club have done a great deal of sewing but have not kept track of the exact amount.

Mrs. Della Harrison of North Gila has made 2 ladies' wool suits, 1 ladies' silk suit, 2 ladies silk dresses, 12 ladies' and 12 girls' wash dresses and smocked 1 girls' dress.

Mrs. Gertrude Horan of North Gila has made 5 smocked dresses for her little granddaughters.

Mrs. Clara Townsend and Mrs. Beatrice Ferguson have both done a very large amount of sewing but the exact figures are not available.

Mrs. Dallas Hovatter of South Gila says, - "I make everything I wear, slips, dresses, shorts, shirts for 7 year-old boy, and also pajamas for him".

Mrs. Harry Humphrey of Somerton made a swagger suit of Osnaburg in addition to her regular sewing.

(e) Outlook for next year.

With both the State Clothing Specialist and the Home Demonstration Agent leaving the work it is impossible to make plans for the future.

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4-H Garment Making Clubs.

(a) Organization and History

There have been 4-H Garment Making Clubs in Yuma County since 1922. In 1931 while the county was without a Home Demonstration Agent for several months, all the clubs except Wellton passed out of existence. It required considerable work to bring them back, but these efforts have been rewarded by a steady growth in both quality and volume. In the year 1931-32 there were 5 Garment Making Clubs with a total enrollment of 48 and a total number of completions of 37. In 1932-33 there were 6 clubs with a total enrollment of 77, and total number of completions of 57. In 1933-34 there were 9 clubs with a total enrollment of 126 and 79 completions.

(b) Organization of project.

The work is carried with formally organized groups working under leaders. Most of the 4-H Clubs meet at the school houses because of the great distances between the homes. Many of the leaders are teachers. Each club has a regular day in the week for meeting.

(c) The progress during the year.

(d) Results.

4-H Garment Making Clubs met at Roll, Wellton, Gadsden and Sunnyside.

Total number of clubs.....	5
Total number of enrolled.(projects).....	63
Total number enrolled (girls).....	62
Total number completed (projects).....	41
Total number completed (girls).....	40
Total number of meetings.....	137
Total attendance at meetings.....	1851
Total number of demonstrations given by Home Demonstration Agent.....	25
Total attendance at these demonstration meetings.....	313
Total number of demonstrations given by State Clothing Specialist.....	5
Total attendance at these demonstration meetings.....	79
Total number Achievement programs.....	4
Total attendance Achievement programs.....	251
Total number of articles made.....	170

Total cost of articles.....	\$ 28.71
Total market value of articles.....	\$ 65.48
Total savings.....	\$ 36.77

Miss Zella Blake, State Clothing Specialist, had a final conference with Isabelle Henry, winner of the State Dress Revue Contest before she completed in the National event at Chicago. Miss Blake also met with all the 4-H Garment Making clubs, explained the correct methods of making the required articles, and showed her own exhibit consisting of all the articles to be made. The Wellton 4-H Club girls had the pleasure of attending one of Miss Blake's adult demonstrations, and seeing some more advanced and very attractive work.

Mr. H. R. Baker, State 4-H Club Specialist, visited all the clubs during the year, talked to them about their own work and also about the work being covered over the state and about the plans for the annual 4-H Club Conference. At all the Achievement programs Mr. Baker gave talks and presented the pins.

Miss Frances Brown, State Home Demonstration Agent, judged all the garments and gave talks at the Achievement programs.

The Wellton Club had the best quality of work in the county as well as the most interesting Achievement program. The 4-H girls put on a style show each girl giving the cost of her dress and the amount of time required to make it. There was an attendance of 93 including many mothers. Miss Ruth Short did an outstanding piece of work, although it was her first year as a leader. The school board had been so pleased last year with the fact that Isabelle Henry of the Wellton Club won the State Dress Revue contest and trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, that they provided the money to buy a used treadle sewing machine and a large work table for the use of the Club. This equipment, plus instruction by a good leader made for consistently good work throughout, and the Wellton Club girls won most of the county prizes. The mothers were so pleased that two of them offered to drive the girls to the 4-H Club Conference at Tucson. At the closing school entertainment, money was raised to pay for the expenses of the cars and for some of the meal tickets.

While last year was one of the best we have had in club work this year there was a slump due to various reasons. Mrs. Battie, the most interested and best qualified leader in the county, was unable to have a club this year because she had no boys and girls in her ungraded rural school old enough to carry on the 4-H Club work. South Gila had a few girls old enough for the work but

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a peculiar school situation which hampered the carrying on of the work. The mothers were so disappointed that they have seen to it that adequate provisions are being made to carry on the work next year. Due to marriage, new babies, and to leaving the county, the other experienced leaders were unable to take charge of clubs, consequently every leader in the county was new with no previous 4-H Club experience of any kind.

(e) Outlook for the next year.

There is no question but that there is a constantly growing interest in the 4-H Club work, on the part of the mothers, and all of them are anxious for the girls to have the work. But none of these mothers with families seem to have the time to act as club leaders. So again, the big problem is the acquisition and the training of interested leaders. A county achievement program and a larger attendance at the 4-H Club Conference would be two stimulating factors.

(u) Home Furnishings. ((t) Home Management included.)

(a) Organization and History.

No work in Home Furnishings was reported before 1924, at which time a "Girls Own Room" club was organized at Gadsden. From 1925 until Nov. 1930, Miss Eleanor Murphy gave demonstrations in Jesso work, basketry, fabric painting, tie and dye work, the making of lamp shades, waste baskets and other home made novelties. In 1930-31, the present Home Demonstration Agent gave a course in "Art in the Home" to the Roll-Wellton group. From the very first, assistance has been given for individual problems in Home Furnishings. Some demonstrations were given in 1932-33, and in 1933-34 this work was chosen for the main project in the county. In 1934-35 "Home Improvement" continued to be the major project carried throughout the county. Miss Zella Baake, State Clothing Specialist, presented her unit on "Home Furnishings" to the southern part of the county giving demonstrations at 18 meetings with a total attendance of 408. The titles of her demonstrations were, - "Home Renovation", "Use of Color", "Renovation of Furniture", and "Problems in Home Furnishings". The Home Demonstration Agent gave demonstrations at 8 meetings with a total attendance of 132. The titles of her demonstrations were "Harmony in Home Furnishings", "The Use of Color", and "Arrangement of Furniture and Pictures". Much individual assistance was given. The results in the way of practical home improvement throughout the county were most satisfying.

(b) Organization of project.

The work has been carried by organized groups and also by conferences with individuals.

(c) Progress during the year.

"Home Improvement" continued to be an important project throughout the county. While the Home Demonstration Agent did not give as many formal demonstrations as last year, she was called on for more personal help in the solution of individual problems of home furnishing and home improvement.

Total number of meetings held -

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of meetings</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>	<u>Number Completing</u>
Roll-Wellton	4	65	16- $\frac{1}{2}$ /4	15	13
Gadsden	<u>3</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>16-4/7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
	7	116		30	27

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The following work was given at these meetings by the Home Demonstration Agent, - "Pictures and Wall Hangings", which included information on types and sizes of mats, appropriate frames, correct hanging of pictures, and use of pictures and hangings to complete the furnishing plan of a room; Designs for braiding and embroidering drapes, cushions and bed spreads; Suggestions for table setting; and "Home Made Cleaning Compounds" showing methods for all types of cleaning and directions for making the preparations. At one of the Wellton meetings, Mrs. Hatfield showed how to make a hooked rug from burlap and cotton carpet rags and Mrs. Ike Proebstel showed the methods of making a number of types of crocheted and braided rugs.

There have been 69 home visits, 26 office calls and 36 telephone calls in connection with the Home Furnishings project. These have been to give assistance in houseplanning and remodeling, color schemes for homes and rooms, rearrangement of furniture, buying of furniture, planning and making curtains and drapes, making dressing tables, and selection and arrangement of pictures and wall hangings.

There have been 8 home calls, 5 office calls and 8 telephone calls for miscellaneous problems in home management, such as the removal of stains from garments and furniture.

(d) Results.

There has been a most satisfying amount of home improvement work done in the county during the past year. All of the ladies have completed their projects started last year and have done a good bit more besides. Among the accomplishments for the year are, - the building of a number of new homes, remodeling of old ones, refinishing and painting inside and out, repair and repainting of furniture, making of curtains, drapes, pillows and bedspreads, rearrangement of furniture and pictures, and the buying of new furniture and floor coverings.

While it is always hard to get a complete check on accomplishments, the fact that the Home Demonstration Agent is writing her report in the summer instead of the fall, means that it is possible to check and include just a certain portion of the total accomplishments for the year. These are as follows.

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Gadsden and Somerton.

The Gadsden Woman's Club house which was redecorated last year recently acquired new glass windows all around. Previously there had been just screens with wooden shutters. Some more improvements were made in the kitchen and more glasses and dishes added.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schupbach have built a splendid new house consisting of living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, and two porches. The kitchen and bathroom are especially well equipped with the most up to date fixtures and conveniences, and an abundance of storage space. A solar water heating system insures an ample amount of hot water. All new furniture, curtains, shades, and floor coverings were purchased, making a very well planned and beautifully furnished home. The ground floor of the pump house is used for a well equipped home laundry, while the top story is used for a large, cool summer sleeping room.

Several other new homes are being built in that vicinity but are not completed yet. In three cases, directions for making closets were obtained from the Home Demonstration Agent's Government Bulletin, "Closets and Storage Arrangements" by Maud Wilson.

Mrs. Thomas Bann added a new screened sleeping porch to her house and painted the whole interior consisting of living room, dining room, bed room, bath and sleeping porch. She says she "enlarged and improved the front yard with flowers and was very successful and I received many compliments on them".
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Mrs. Dixie Bann built some kitchen shelves by directions in Government Bulletin, lent by the Home Demonstration Agent, painted one room, made 4 sets of window drapes, 3 pairs embroidered pillow cases, 4 embroidered dresser scarfs, pieced one flower garden quilt out of one inch pieces, made and quilted one double wedding ring quilt, and made and used furniture polish, cleaning preparations for silver and aluminum and also used other directions for cleaning as given in demonstration by Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. E. C. Cuming rearranged the living room, dyed the curtains, removed unsuitable pictures and added some attractive ones properly mounted and hung. She also made and used the cleaning preparations according to the directions given.

Mrs. Ellen Ahnfeldt says, "I have painted my entire house inside and out. The ceiling in one room was papered and I scraped and washed that off and then varnished it. I have varnished or painted all my furniture."

Another lady from the Gadsden Club who forgot to sign her name to her report says that she made curtains for living room, kitchen and bedroom, embroidered 3 dresser scarfs, and made 2 bridge table sets, 2 full size quilts, and 5 infants quilt tops.

Mrs. Simon painted the walls, floors, and ceilings of the six rooms of her house, doing every bit of the work herself. She has worked out a very pleasing color scheme with soft tan predominating in the living room, dining room and kitchen. The boys' bedroom is in blue and tan, the girls' in lavender and the mother's in green and tan. Some new furniture has been purchased, and new draperies made for all the rooms. Mrs. Simon painted the old pieces of furniture. Some new pictures and a wall hanging have been purchased to complete the design of the living room.

Mrs. Harry Humphrey painted the interior of her house, consisting of living room, bed room, kitchen, bathroom and 2 porches. She made 2 mattress covers and 10 pairs of curtains for the sleeping porch from Osnaburg and some yellow bath room curtains.

Roll-Wellton.

Mrs. Hinkle of Roll has made a big improvement in her home by painting all the interior, and building a new breakfast room. New rugs and linoleum for the floors were purchased.

Mrs. R. H. McElhaney says, "We wired the house for electricity and now have lights, refrigerator, etc. This was made possible through the Rural Rehabilitation set-up. We also built an extra cabin for a sleeping room for the girls. I made curtains for the kitchen, painted the cupboards, planted a vegetable and flower garden and am now piecing a quilt using old trousers, coats, and wool skirts. I am using the silver polish and other cleaning materials made from the directions given in the demonstration on "Home Made Cleaning Compounds".

Mrs. Wayne Wright of Roll has remodeled her kitchen, painted several pieces of furniture and made curtains for two rooms.

North and South Gila.

Mrs. Della Harrison painted the interior of her four room house, made some cupboards, living room curtains, one hooked rug and 4 crocheted rugs.

Mrs. Dallas Hovatter of South Gila has purchased a new living room suit, painted several pieces of furniture and made new curtains for the entire house. For the living room she has made some very attractive curtains of Osnaburg embroidered with colored wools.

(e) Outlook for next year.

There will probably be more home improvement work going on throughout the county during the coming year. Except for the demonstration on "Homemade Cleaning Preparations" given to the Gadsden and Roll-Wellton Clubs, no demonstrations in Home Management have been given.

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(v) Home Health & Sanitation.

(a) Organization and History

Some work in Rural Sanitation was given in the first year's work in 1915. From 1925 to 1930, 4-H Health work was carried, at first going under the head of the "Keep Growing project". During those years the Home Demonstration Agent cooperated with the county nurse in the health work in the schools. In 1932-33 Mrs. King gave a course in "First Aid and Home Care of the Sick" to the Roll-Wellton group and two lessons to the North and South Gila group. In 1933-34 the only demonstration which could be classed under this heading was one given to the Roll-Wellton group on care of the skin. However, individual assistance was given by means of home and office calls.

(b). Organization of Project.

(c). The progress during the year.

No work has been carried under this project this year.

(e). Outlook for the future.

There is no question but that the other clubs in the county would be delighted to have a course in "Home Care of the Sick and First Aid" similar to the one given to the Roll-Wellton group if a nurse could be secured to donate her services for the purpose.

(w). Community Activities.

The Home Demonstration Agent has been a member of the Yuma County Rural Rehabilitation Committee and for part of the time acted as secretary. During this time, several days were spent sending out lists and letters. Nine meetings were attended in connection with this project.

For several years the rural women throughout the county have been talking about the great need for a Woman's Rest Room in Yuma. These women come to Yuma to attend to all their business and shopping. They usually bring their families and spend a good part of the day in town. Many have babies and small children. There is no place in Yuma where they can rest or attend to their needs. This year the women have been especially insistant on the matter and felt that "something had to be done about it". On Saturday afternoon March 23rd, a group of 17 ladies met in the Home Demonstration Agent's office to discuss the above problem and to make tentative plans for the establishment of a Community Rest Room in Yuma. The presidents of most of the Woman's Clubs and organizations in the southern part of the county attended the meeting. The Home Demonstration Agent as representative of the rural women was made chairman and an executive committee was appointed. In this capacity the Home Demonstration Agent attended a joint meeting of the Merchants Committee and Chamber of Commerce and explained both the need and the tentative plans for this project. They were most enthusiastic about it and appointed three members to work with the women's committee.

The Agent and another member of the Committee drove to El Centro and visited the rest room there which has been in operation for 12 years. Valuable information on equipment and cost of operating were secured from the matron and members of the advisory committee.

This information was presented to the joint committees, all the points were considered and a tentative plan and budget set up. The matter was then taken up with the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council and a request made for funds to meet the running expenses including salary of matron, rent, water, light, fuel and supplies. At the present writing, both the Board of Supervisors and the City Council have each set aside in their tentative budgets for the coming year, a sum to provide for these expenses, half paid by the county and half by the city. When these funds are received, the various woman's clubs will donate money for the furnishing of the Rest Room.

Throughout the year, assistance has been given in the planning of games and entertainment for several community gatherings..

(x) Miscellaneous

Meetings of the Roll-Wellton Home Makers Club ~~were~~ of a cultural and recreational nature. This club had especially requested some book reviews so the following programs were given.

Thirteen ladies attended the meeting of the Roll-Wellton Home Makers Club at the Home of Mrs. H. Woodhouse at Roll March 26th. Mrs. F. T. Brown of Yuma was the guest speaker and gave a review of Stuart Chase's book "The New Deal" and a talk on economics in general. This was followed by an interesting discussion on general economics, the work of the Consumers Research Inc. and on "buying problems".

Thirteen ladies attended the meeting of the Roll-Wellton Woman's Club on April 25. Mrs. John Doan of Yuma accompanied the Agent to this meeting and gave a most thorough and entertaining review of "Lamb in his Bosom", the Pulitzer prize novel. Since many of the women in the group had lived through the hardships and trials of homesteading, they were especially interested in this story, and enjoyed Mrs. Doan's interpretation of it.

The last meeting of the season for this club was a pot luck supper held at the home of Mrs. Wayne Wright of Roll. The husbands were invited and the eighth birthday of the Club was celebrated with all the trimmings, including a lovely birthday cake. A program of games followed the supper, including a May Pole Dance for the grown ups. Later in the evening there was dancing and cards. The party was a splendid success from beginning to end.

June 3rd to 5th inclusive was spent attending the annual 4-H Club Conference at Tucson.

this group. The following are the very and interesting.

V. OUTLOOK.

A study of the Home Demonstration Agent's monthly and annual reports from January 1931 up to the present time will show in detail the amount and type of work covered in Yuma County during her stay in the service. The most intensive work has been done in Foods and Nutrition. All the adult work in clothing has been that given by the State Clothing Specialist. All of the 4-H Clubs have been Garment Making Clubs, the work being given by the Home Demonstration Agent and by volunteer leaders. Some Child Care and Home Nursing have been given, as well as a number of things of a miscellaneous nature such as the Senior Girl's Club work. Both the State Clothing Specialist and the Home Demonstration Agent have given demonstrations in Home Furnishings. Except for the one demonstration on "Home Made Cleaning Compounds" given to the Roll-Wellton and Gadsden Clubs, no work has been given in Home Management.

The Roll-Wellton and Gadsden have been the most active women's extension clubs and have carried the largest amount of work. The Roll-Wellton group has enrolled as a Home Makers Club. Mrs. R. H. McElhaney of Wellton has been the president for the past year. Gadsden looks favorably upon the Home Makers set up, but has not made a final decision as yet. Mrs. E. C. Cuming is the present president of the Gadsden Club. The demonstration "Home Made Cleaning Preparations" has been given to these two clubs. None of the other Home Makers demonstrations have been used. The material for these demonstrations will be found in the large black metal cupboard. The following are the names of the women who have acted as leaders in this section.

The North and South Gila group have been meeting regularly either in the school house at North Gila or at the homes of members. They have not yet enrolled as a Home Makers Club but most likely would, if too much emphasis were not put upon the matter of close organization and matter of officers. There apparently was some difficulty along this line a long time ago, so the present Home Demonstration Agent has not been too urgent for this reason. Mrs. Clara Townsend of ^{North} South Gila is the leader of this group. Mrs. Dallas Hovatter of South Gila is also a good person to see.

For several years there was a small but excellent group meeting regularly at the Somerton School House. A number were teachers of the lower grades whose classes were dismissed early. It was through this group that the school lunch project at Somerton was first started. For the past two years these teachers have had to work longer hours and could not attend meetings. However, some meetings are held at Somerton each year and the Somerton ladies often come to Gadsden for joint all day meetings. Mrs. A. W. Franklin would be the best person to see in arranging work for

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this group. Mrs. O. J. Moss is also very much interested.

The Crane district is so suburban in nature with so many diversified groups that organized work is more uncertain here than in the truly rural sections. Mrs. Wes Long is always very much interested in having meetings, many of which are held at her home. The same is true of Mrs. George Seamans at the University Experiment Station, Mrs. A. D. Cox, Mrs. Wm. Wisener, and Mrs. Jesse Arrant are also interested in the extension program. There are more calls for individual help in this section than any other.

Because of an injury to her back, the Home Demonstration Agent was unable to drive to the northern part of the county this winter, so this section has had no work this year, although it had originally been planned for. The distances are so great and the population so scattered that it is impossible to go to this section very often. Salome has the largest group. The following ladies have acted as leaders in this section.

Mrs. August Nord - Salome,
Mrs. E. P. Woodson - Quartzite,
Mrs. S. J. Curtis - Bouse.

Lists of names of ladies who attend the meetings in each section will be found in File 12.1 under Organization. The stenographer also has a list in her office.

For the organization of 4-H Clubs, the Home Demonstration Agent usually has a conference with the County School Superintendent, and then interviews the principals at the various schools.

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GRAND SUMMARY

Number of Groups	5	2	3	5	2				Totals
Number enrolled.....	75	25	59	62	30				251
Number completing.....	68	25	42	40	27				202
Number of meetings.....	9	2	22	137	7				295
Total attendance.....	138	25	293	1851	116				2617
Home Visits.....	100	10	5	20	69	8	25		237
Office calls.....	72	12	5	18	26	5	7		145
Telephone calls	64	8	4	9	36	8	6		135
Days spent in office.....									137
Days spent in field.....									101
Number of letters written.....									187
Number of Different circular letters written.....									18

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